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Higher-curvature Gravities from Braneworlds and the Holographic c-Theorem

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We study the structure of the higher-curvature gravitational densities that are induced from holographic renormalization in AdSd+1. In a braneworld construction, such densities define a d-dimensional higher-curvature gravitational theory on the brane, which in turn is dual to a (d-1)-dimensional CFT living at its boundary. We show that this CFTd-1 satisfies a holographic c-theorem in general dimensions, since at each and every order the higher-curvature densities satisfy c-theorems on their own. We examine various other features of the holographically induced higher-curvature densities.

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